

REMARKS

[001] The Office Action cites the following art: U.S. Patent Number 7,096,316 to *Karr et al* (hereinafter *Karr*).

[002] Claims 1-30 are pending in the case. Claims 1-21, and 24-30 are allowed. Claim 22 is rejected 35 USC § 102(c) as unpatentable in view of *Karr*. Claim 23 is objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. While Applicants disagree with the new rejection, Applicants have opted to amend Claim 22 to include the subject matter of Claim 23. Claim 23 is canceled.

[003] Since amended Claim 22 includes all of its limitations and those of Claim 23, Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claim 22 is now in condition for allowance. Therefore, Claims 1-22 and 24-30 are in condition for allowance. In the event any questions or issues remain that can be resolved with a phone call, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initiate a telephone conference with the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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